

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

13. (New) An information recording method of recording record information comprising a plurality of ECC blocks, each of the ECC blocks comprising a plurality of data units, on a recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

recording first record information;

recording dummy information up to a part of a first data unit of a next ECC block subsequent to last ECC block containing the first record information; and

starting second recording at a predetermined position within the first data unit.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the second recording is started with new dummy information.

15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the new dummy information is recorded for a certain amount so that a total data amount of remainder of the dummy information and the new dummy information is to be equal to or less than a data amount of one data unit.

16. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the second recording is started with second record information.
17. (New) An information recording apparatus which records record information comprising a plurality of ECC blocks, each of the ECC blocks comprising a plurality of data units, on a recording medium, the apparatus comprising:
- a recording device which records first record information;
 - a dummy information recording device which records dummy information up to a part of a first data unit of a next ECC block subsequent to last ECC block containing the first record information; and
- wherein the recording device starts second recording at a predetermined position within the first data unit.
18. (New) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the second recording device starts the second recording with new dummy information.
19. (New) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the new dummy information is recorded for a certain amount so that a total data amount of remainder of the dummy information and the new dummy information is to be equal to or less than a data amount of one data unit.
20. (New) The apparatus according to claim 65, wherein the second recording is started with

second record information.

21. (New) An information recording apparatus which records record information comprising a plurality of ECC blocks, each of the ECC blocks comprising a plurality of data units, on a recording medium in accordance with following steps:

- recording first record information;

- recording dummy information up to a part of a first data unit of a next ECC block subsequent to last ECC block containing the first record information; and

- starting second recording at a predetermined position within the first data unit.